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SUBJECT: TRIPS OF THE KING AND PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ TO
MIDDLE EAST

1. THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD ME THIS MORNING THAT THE DATES OF FEBRUARY 16 TO 19 HAVE NOW BEEN SET FOR THE KING'S VISIT TO CAIRO. ORIGINALLY THE KING HAD PLANNED TO GO TO AMMAN AFTER CAIRO AND THEN TO SAUDI ARABIA. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO THE AMBASSADOR, HE HAD STRONGLY URGED THAT THE KING GO TO SAUDI ARABIA IMMEDIATELY AFTER CAIRO AND THEN ON TO JORDAN. HE SAID HE HAD PERSUADED THE SPANISH THAT IF THE KING WENT TO JORDAN BEFORE GOING TO SAUDI ARABIA THIS WOULD BE RECEIVED BADLY BY KING KHALED. THEREFORE THE SCHEDULE NOW CALLS FOR THE KING'S VISIT TO CAIRO THEN RIYADH AND THEN TO AMMAN.

2. WITH REGARD TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S TRIP, THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR SAID THAT SUAREZ HAD CHANGED HIS MIND SO MANY TIMES WITH REGARD TO DATES THAT IT IS CONFIDENTIAL.

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STILL NOT SURE WHAT FINAL DATE WILL BE CHOSEN.
THE LAST DATE BEING CONSIDERED FOR A BRIEF OVERNIGHT
VISIT TO CAIRO IS JANUARY 31. THE AMBASSADOR SAID
HE WAS TRYING TO ARRANGE A MEETING BETWEEN SUAREZ
AND SADAT BUT THE CONSTANT CHANGE OF DATES FOR THE
CAIRO VISIT LEFT SUCH A MEETING IN DOUBT. ACCORDING
TO THE AMBASSADOR, SUAREZ PLANS TO VISIT BAGHDAD AND

DAMASCUS BEFORE GOING TO CAIRO. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE IDEA OF A SUAREZ VISIT TO LIBYA HAD NOW BEEN GIVEN UP BECAUSE OF CERTAIN UNSPECIFIED DIFFICULTIES.STABLER

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